





The Preface to the *Reader.*



ENTLE READER, WE
may see with deepe considerati-
ons the mercifull woorke of the
Lorde from tyme to tyme, shew-
ing vnto vs many strange Signes
and tokens, for warning vs vnto
repētāce: But such is the corrup-
tio and hardnes of this our age,
that we cōtemne and neclect all
tokens in the Heauens, by res-
pecting our owne securitie for the tyme present, and yet if
any man would reckon the course of this life past, hee
shoulde see in himselfe greate cause to tremble at these
things: And also if wee doe consider what great route of
euils doth beset vs, and how many hath bene destroyed,
or what hurtes hath bene by Lightnings, Earthquakes,
Ground-openings, Fluddes, Tempestes of the Sea, great
Windes, Infections, Ayre, Warres, Mortalities, Plagues,
straunge diseases and such like, which things, Commets
doth commonly Prognosticate to ensue. I suppose that
the remembraunce of such daungers, should make vs not
to be altogether careles of these tokens, threatening vnto
vs calamities for our vnthankfulness, and therefore who-
soever doth make light accoumpt of Earthquakes and
gleaming Starres: and is not moued with the sight there-
of with the feare of Gods heauy displeasure: the same
people doe also as lightly and as little regard their owne
consciencs and amendment of life. And now let vs beare
in mynde the fourth Starre, that was seene in *Calabria*,
which signifieth great alteration this yecre. 1587. and
that



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that the world will not long indure, God make vs all ready against the day of the Lorde. This Starre Maister Iohn Doleta, a learned Astronomer doth write, and with hym also doe agree in wryting all the learned men in *Grecia, Alexandria, Spaine, and Italy*, That is to say, in the yere afore sayd, the Sunne shalbe covered with a *Dragon*, in the Morning from five a Clocke vntill nine, and will shewe forth as fire, and in this yere is thought to be great Fluds, Windes, Tempestes and Earthquakes. I pray God defend and keepe vs from the same, and giue vs grace to repent, and beare in mynde the fearfull signes and tokens. For as before the destruction of the first World, like signes and tokens appeared, & yet they would not turne from their wickednesse, and so were drowned in the Flood. And as before the destructions of *Sodomie* and *Gomorrah*, appeared like wonders, but they would not call to God for mercy, and so were consumed with Fire and Brimstone. And that goodly Citie *Ierusalem*, for their abomination was made desolate, and not one stone left vpon an other. Yet now let all these signes and tokens cause speedie repentance, and amendment of life, and then no doubt the wrath of God, which is now kindled against thee, will be turned to his wonted mercie: and the possesse that place of felicitie, which is prepared for all those that feare and tremble at the threatning of our GOD: to which place of perfect rest, I beseech God to graunt his Spirit of liuely repentance, in the harts of all true belceuers. *Amen.*

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¶ Strange Newes

out of Calabria: Prognosticated in

the yere 1586. vpon the yere 87. and

what shall happen in the said yere: Pray-

ing the Lord to be mercifull vnto vs.

The Interpretation of the fourth Starre which was seene
in Calabria: being written for a warning vnto all faith-
full Christians, as followeth.



It is knowne vnto all men, that
in the yere 87. when as the Moone
is in the watte signe, the world
is like to bee in great daunger:
for a learned man, named mai-
ster Iohn Doleta, who is very well
seene in Astronomie, doth write, and with him
also doth agree in writing the chiefest men in
Grecia, Alexandria, Spayne, and Italie: that is to say,
that in the foresayd yere, the Sunne shall be co-
uered with the Dragon, in the morning froe fve
a clocke vntill nine, and will appeare like fire:
therfore it is not good that any man doe behold
the same: for by the beholding thereof you may
lose your sight.

Secondly, there shall come a marvellous great
water flood vpon our Lady day in Lent, be-
ing

out of Calabria.

ing vpon the 25. day of March, and by reason of the featfulnesse thereof many people may dye,

Thirdly, there shall arise a marvellous great winde, and for great feare thereof many people shall bee consumed, or distraughted of their wittes.

Fourthly, the same yeere, vpon the 12. Daye of Maye, will arise an other wonderfull great water flood, and so great as no man hath sene, since Noyes flood, and will continue thzee daies and thzee nights, and many Littles & Townes which standeth vpon sandy ground will bee in great daunger.

Fifthly, Infidels and Hereticks, through great feare and dread, will flye and gather together, and a great parte of Christindome, shall be in daunger to be ouerthrowne, which God defend.

Sixthly, in the said yeere, after the great waters be past, vpon S. Margarets Day, being in the Dog daies, will be a great and fearfull Death: for the Pestilence wilbe in such force, that it is to be feared that fewe places in Christendome, will bee free: which the Lorde defende and preserue vs from the same.

Seuently, there will be throughout the world great change, and alteration in Religion, and wonder-

Straunge Newes out of Calabria.
wonderfull strange newes vnto all people as
concerning the same.

Eighthly, the Turke with his God Mahomet
shall lose his Scepter, and a great change and
alteration in his Regement, through hunger and
warres, so that the most parte of them will ra-
ther seeke for reliefe by the Christians then at
his hands.

Ninthly, there will also arise great Earth-
quakes, and the fruite of Trees will be very
straunge to be seene, and hollowe within.

Lastly, vpon S. Bartholmewe Day wilbe great mo-
uings of the earth, both on Hills and Vallies,
so that for feare thereof, fewe people wil remaine
alyue, God bee mercifull vnto vs. Therefore it
behooueth all good Christians, for to call ear-
nestly vnto almightie God in heartie prayer, to
tourne all these Plagues from vs, which hee
through his wrath will laye vppon vs for our
wicked living.

He which hath no misfortune in the yeere 85.

And in Anno. 86. Doth remaine aliuē.

He being in 87. Unhurt and Unslaine,

And in 88. Aliue doth remaine.

And liuing vntill the yere 89.

He may then speake of a ioyfull tyme.



